Housing Development Finance Corporation

446. SHRI M. S. GURUPA-DASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agencies of the United Nations have advanced heavy loans to the Housing De velopment Finance Corporation Ltd.;

(b) if so, what is the amount of loan or funds which have been re-ceived by Housing Development Finance Corporation since 1980 for development of housing in the country;

(c) whether Housing Development Finance Corporation has become a monopoly in financing housing projects;

(d) whether Housing Development Finance Corporaton has been swindling its borrowers by usurious methods; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take to protect the bor-rowes from this economic exploi-tion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Housing Develop ment Finance Corporation has intimated that the interest chargeable from the borrowers is calculated on the basis of annual rates. This is brought to the notice ofthe borrower at the time of submission of applica tion as also in the offer letter san ctioning the loan to him.

Creation of Councils of Rural Voluntary Agencies

447. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE be pleastd to state

' |(a)' whether there is any proposal Sunder Government's consideration to create National and State Councils of rural voluntary agencies ana to formulate a "code of conduct for such bodies through an Act of Parliament;

' (b) whether this has been oppose by nearly 800 voluntary organisations; and

(c) if so, what is the final decision taken by Government in the matter •

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Clearance to Telugu-Ganga Project

448. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: DR. BAPU KALDATE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have refused to give clearance to the Telugu-Ganga Project pending inter-State differences to be ironed out;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this project is beyond the Jurisdiction of Bachawat Tribunal; and

(c) if so, whether Government have thought of any well-set policy

for solving the inter-state water disputes

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKA RANAND): (a) The project is yet to be cleared from techno-economic and environmental angles, apart from the inter-State aspects.

(b) Andhra Pradesh holds a view that this project is within the provisions of the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal's Award, but both. Maharashtra and Karnataka have contested this view.

(c) Efforts are made as far as possible to bring about a resolution of inter-State disputes through negotiations among the States concerned, failing which through adjudication under the Inter-State Water Dispute Act.

हिन्दुस्तान स्टीलवर्क्स कन्सट्रक्शन लिमिटेड का नियंत्रण

449. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार :** क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 1977 से पहले भिलाई स्थित हिन्दुस्तान स्टील वर्क्स कन्सट्रक्शन (एच०एस०सी०एल०) का कार्यालय स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया के अधीन था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो भिलाई स्थित एच०एस०सी०एल० मजदूर संघ को सेल से अलग करने के क्या कारण थे ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि एच०एस० सी०एल० मजदूर संघ 31 मार्च, 1986 को, सरकार को एक ज्ञापन देकर एच० एस०सी०एल० को पुनः सेल के अधीन करने की मांग की है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पन्त) : (क) 1 मई, 1978 से पहले न केवल हिन्दुस्तान स्टीलवर्क्स कन्सट्रक्शन लिमिटेड की भिलाई यूनिट बल्कि पूरी कम्पनी ही "सेल" की पूरी अपनी सहायक कम्पनी थी ।

(ख) 1 मई, 1978 से सरकारी क्षेत्र की कम्पनियां (पुनर्गठन) तथा विविध उपबंध अधिनियम, 1978 लागू हो जाने के बाद, हिन्दुस्तान स्टील वर्क्स कंसट्रक्शन लि० में "सेल" की शेयरधारिता केन्द्रीय सरकार में अन्तरित हो गयी थी । इसके बाद हिन्दुस्तान स्टीलवर्क्स कंस्ट्रक्शन लि० सेल की सहायक कम्पनी नहीं रही । इस अधिनियम का उद्देश्य सरकारी क्षेत्र की लोहा और इस्पात कम्पनियों के पुनर्गठन की व्यवस्था करना है जिससे उनके कार्यचालन में बेहतर प्रबंध और अधिक कार्यकुशलता को सुनिश्चित किया जा सके ।

(ग) जी नहीं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Indo-Bangladesh negotiations on sharing of Ganga waters

450. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the negotiations between India and Bangladesh over the sharing of the Ganga waters; and

(b) the factors causing delay in the progress of the negotiations on this issue ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKA-RANAND): (a) and (b) The sharing of the Ganga waters at Farakka for the three dry seasons of 1986, 1987 and 1988 has already been agreed upon under the Indo-Bangladesh Memorandum of Understanding of